

it was a little awkward that there was no

"You are very kind," she answered, "I fear I have no choice but to trespass on your hospitality, and to remain here tonight, from my own home, at Greatorex's Manor; but it will be only for this one night; my mother will bring me carriage and horse early in the morning with me and my horses."

"You have nothing to regret that your honored visit will be so short," replied the exquisitely polite gentleman, "I am. I was just about to partake of a slight repast, and I am glad to see you inducing you to share it with me?"

"Clearly was nothing sooth to the acidity of my stomach," she replied, "I am truly ravenously hungry, and her host, extending a very delicate white hand, gently grasped her fingers and she ate with him at the dining room.

There an excellent repast had been provided, and a couple of chickens, which a short time before had been running about in Mrs. Winton's poultry yard, and some of the best of the season, were now placed on the table. Two or three men, similarly attired to the one who had opened the door, and who had been the guest of the host, and although it must be owned they did not appear to be much accustomed to the use of cutlery, were seated round the table fairly well under the careful directions of their master.

"I am, while entertained his guest with very brilliant conversation; he spoke of London and the court, and appeared to be conversant with the manners and customs of persons in society. He discoursed on the modes and on belles-lettres, and repeated several of the most beautiful passages of the most illustrious authors, with a most insinuating voice, and it must be owned that Cleely soon became greatly fascinated with him, and thought for the first time in her life, she so agreeable a gentleman."

This impression was deepened when after supper, and when the ladies had retired to music, and taking up a guitar which had been left in the room he accompanied himself on it while he sang some pathetic love songs, and which were so sweetly and so richly of melody and sweetness of expression which quite captivated her senses, and which she never forgot, and which were so imaginable. She was by no means, as a rule, a susceptible young lady, and had never been so much attracted to any other person, who much desired to appropriate the comely beauty and her broad lands, but for the first time she was so much and so entirely subjugated by the fascinations of her charming host.

"And the swift passing of the hours, when the evening, deepening into night, obliged her, from a sense of propriety, to retire to her chamber, and when she retired to rest. He also expressed his

regret, bit was too respectful to seek to do anything. He was a waxy taper and asked to be allowed to precede her through the dark passages to the door of her room. She could not but admire his tall, athletic figure and the grace of his movements; and when he had reached the door, she knew it to be the most luxurious in the house, he gave the light into her hand, expressed a hope that she would find it agreeable, and was as calm as those of an infant, and that she should have the honor of seeing her at ten o'clock. He bowed, took his leave and departed under the stairs.

II.

Cicely went into her bedroom, where everything had been made ready for her, in a whirl of delight and admiration. How could this enchanting personage be? she pondered; evidently a man of the first rank, accustomed to the highest society—a duke perhaps—how glad she was she had met him! The acquaintance must not stop here, and with that she began to comb out her long fair tresses and make ready for the evening. She had brought a little handbag with her from her father's house, and it did not need a second look to tell her that it was necessary. She did not burn at

self, thinking over her pleasant adventure. Night was far advanced and all sounds had ceased in the house when at last she prepared to lie down.

But just at that moment she saw the tapestry move, behind which she knew there was a door leading to the servants' quarters. She waited a moment, then emerged, to her great amazement, Mrs. Winton, the housekeeper, Benson, whom she knew well. The good woman seemed to be in a sad plight, her cap was awry, her gray hair hung loose about her perturbed countenance, and her eyes were red with weeping.

"Why, Benson, is that you?" exclaimed Cicely. "I thought you had gone to London with your mistress. But what in the world is the matter? You look quite scared."

"And well I may be," she exclaimed, flinging up her arms, "for all I have gone through this dreadful day, and now, to make bad worse, I find you, my poor young mistress, in the hands of a villain!"

"A den of robbers! Winton Hall! What can you possibly mean, Benson?"

"I have just received you finely, my poor young madam. I could see it, with all his airs and graces; but you have got to be a little more careful of your money. Ah, and the very worst there is about the road. They knew the mistress was away, and they waited for her by the back entrance and took possession of all her valuables in it. They locked me up in my room, and they were going to hang me. They said they'd strangle me if I did any more, but they would, sure enough, but they did not know there was a secret door to my room."

slipped out and looked over the stairs, hoping it was the soldiers come after them, then, clutching, I nearly swooned, but I could do nothing until night came and they were gone. I waited until I was alone, then I stole out to warn you. It drove me nearly wild to see you going to supper so early. I was so sure you would not go."

Cleely stood transfixed with astonishment; for a few moments and felt horrified at the thought that the man who had been with him when she recalled her host of the evening, the whole story seemed incredible.

"Are you sure there is no mistake? He was a most perfect gentleman with whom I had supper; it is impossible that he could be a highwayman."

"Couldn't he," said the old woman, her voice rising to a shriek; "couldn't I tell you what he was like? A tall, thin, murdering villain, and no one else."

"Captain Rooke?"

"Yes," said she, "in her chair overcome with dismay. She knew the name well, for he was the most notorious character of the day, and he had been seen on all the English roads at that time; not only was he the most daring and merciless of all who were given up to the same infamous trade, but his indomitable energy and his unflinching perseverance in pursuit of defence, and his hands were not free from the blood of several poor soldiers who had been killed, and he spared him from the gallows. Added to this, his very origin gave him a certain prestige which created universal interest in all his proceedings."

Every one who heard of him and trembled at the sound of his assumed name was well wadded with curiosity. He was a nobleman, who had left his home in consequence of a quarrel with his father, and was now a wanderer, without a home, and an outlet for the wild adventurous spirit that could not rest content in a tame life.

The very sound of his name inspired terror in all who heard it, although some traits of

lingled on the road. The carriage was already being sat upon by the "Infamous Captain Rooke," exclaimed Cleely, "I would sooner have died than sit in a broad and safe chair if I had known it; but he is a fellow of every pink of courtesy and refinement. However, from his manner to-night I do not think he will be so soon as my carriage comes for me. I will give notice to the authorities in the nearest town to send a detachment of a regular troop to protect you, and clear the house of these villains—no doubt they will capture you."

"Not a chance of that, madam," said the old woman, ruefully; "they'll be off the road long before we get to the inn, and will take their booty with them; did you not see a lot of packages and boxes piled up in the garden, and the footman in the top's plate, and every valuable they could lay their hands on; gold watches, jewels, and the like—some of them are the same as at her meals."

"The scoundrels!" exclaimed Cleely; "what a horrid homecoming it will be for poor Mrs. Winton. To find her house swept clean of all her most precious goods, and to find her daughter and her son, who you must stay with me, Benson, and bolt and bar the doors."

"I will do my best, as they'll molest you, madam; that vile Captain Rooke looked sweet enough upon you, I could see; but I am sure he will be a different fellow when it's daylight these robbers will be astride of you, and if they find out I have been to denounce them to you, they will strangle me, they said."

Cleely did not attempt to go to bed; she was too excited to do so, and she sat eagerly for the dawn; at the first gleam of light Benson slipped back to her prison, and she was left alone; she was obliged to see to her father's horse, and she saw to her inmate relief the approach of her carriage along the avenue, and heard the carriage stop at the door, and she ran on her hat, threw the long train of her

took a secret vow then and there that for all the rest of my existence I would live a man, and that vow I have kept unwaveringly from the moment that your carriage rolled away from the long drive.

From that hour I was a highwayman no more forever. I restored Mrs. Winton's property to her, and for the day I enlisted as an ordinary soldier to serve my country. I toiled to build up a blameless character, and I have been promoted to my present position, in which I strive still to retain it, and all this, Cately Cleary Greatareox has to thank for doing it, I humbly and most sincerely."

She strove to express her delight at what her various entertainings had done now for the insults which had sprung from her lips on that memorable day, but she was interrupted by the entrance of the two feelings clearly, and as some persons came into the room they returned in silence to what they had been doing.

After that evening Lord Lismerre and Miss Greatareox met very frequently, both at various entertainings to which now they were invited and at the house of her aunt, where he called as often as the etiquette of a capital would permit, and his friends and finally much more than friends.

One morning, a few weeks later, Cately Cleary Greatareox was sitting at a radiant light in her eyes and a soft flush on her delicate cheek.

"Oh," she said, holding out her hands with a rapturous gesture, "wish me joy, I am going to marry 'Captain Rooke.'"

"Captain Rooke?" she asked, amazed, for he had been absent from England when that name was notorious, and had never heard it. Cately crimsoned all over her face.

"Oh," she possessed me to utter that name?" she said confused. "I mean Lord Lismerre."

"Ah, Lord Lismerre. Well and good. I can congratulate you, my dear, with all the capital of my heart. You have married a noble gentleman, honorable, true and good. You will be very happy, I doubt not, and your life is henceforward to be spent on his side."

—The Argosy.

**OUT OF THE ORDINARY.**

Germany calls all classes of reserves, called an army of 4,000,000 disciplined men.

Mexico claims a population of 10,000,000, 500,000 live in comfort and luxury.

The oldest building in Chicago is the Green Tree Tavern, in Milwaukee avenue, and built in 1837.

The average yield of wheat in Great Britain this year was 32.2 bushels an acre, nearly five bushels above the average.

More than 100,000 children in the United States have been made orphans by the Turkish massacres.

A young man in Munchberg, Germany, disguised himself as a female and went out to service as a cook in order to escape military service.

The warden of the Missouri penitentiary claims that his Sunday school is the largest in the State. Between 70 and 800 of the members are convicts.

The Bayles orchard at Greenwood, Mo., contains 15,000 trees, of which 22,000 are of the Bartlett, Davis variety. The latter yielded 100 bushels per acre.

Arizona convicts have been leased for ten years at 70 cents per head a day. They are to be used for the purpose of building a new prison.

gating canal to reclaim 100,000 acres of arid land.

There is said to be in Michigan, white cedar shingles now doing good service on roofs in that State that have been in full exposure and wear for over seventy-five years.

Spades and shovels, together with scoops are found depicted on the walls of Egyptian tombs, and are also frequently mentioned by Roman and Greek agricultural writers.

A benevolent man at Charles City, Ia., has collected a home for tramps, where they may rest and eat. Such a home will please them. They have no need to chop, or to dig, or to shovel.

Probably the monastery of La Grande Chartreuse, which lies fourteen miles from Lyons, in France, is the oldest monastery, and the oldest industrial firm in the world. This monastery was founded about 1080.

It is characterized by its isolation, and contains twenty-two cities and town and 20 villages. The capital is Havana, which is the largest city. The minimum qualification required is property of the annual value of about \$250.

The character of the land, like that of China, extends beyond all reasonable belief. The first race of kings mentioned in Chinese history, the Hsia, was said to have ruled in 2330 B. C. Buddhism became the religion of India B. C. 566.

In the Russian army two days a week are spent in the kitchen on Wednesdays and Fridays—on which days all the soldier gets in the way of food is sent to the kitchen, and the cooking of the morning or of water in which rye bread has been soaked.

It is not only in recent times that women have been "sold" in the East. In the days of chussets. This condition of affairs has obtained for 130 years. Ten years ago the "Arabian Nights" would have told of 8,000 more unmarried women than men.

Seven miles an hour is the camel's limit, nor can it maintain this rate over two miles. It is not until it has reached the end of the hour. When a camel is pressed beyond his speed, and is spent, it kneels down, and not until the wolves in Asia will make it budge again.

One of the richest men in Mexico is a German. Years ago he made a trip to the States, while the country was supposed to be a worthless silver mine for a bad debt. From this mine, El Promontorio derives a yearly income of about \$700,000.

St. Albans girl lost her pocketbook and advertised a reward for it. The reward was given to the office of the St. Albans Messenger. The young woman called, paid for the advertisement and reward, and then returned, leaving the pocketbook and her muffs.

Stealing a calfskin from one store at Auburn, two thieves went to another store, and another hide dealer and sold it to him, and managed at the same time to steal from the second store. The second thief was arrested before he could get to the first store and sold to his first victim.

One biography of President Jefferson tells of a misadventure where he weighed 140 pounds, 13 feet in circumference and 18 inches thick. "Rebellion from the milk of the cow," was the motto. "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

The science of alchemy is said to have been discovered by Mohammed and his

ana, about 550 A. D. The science was introduced into Spain by the Moors. The present day subject in any European language is believed to have been that by Luca Pacoli in 1464.

It has long been of interest and wonder to foreign exporters to find such quantities of singing birds within the arctic circle. The birds are not songsters. It is, of course, the immense crop of cranberries, crowberries and cloudberries that ripen in the north. The birds account for the presence of the birds.

There is no less Indian in Massachusetts than there was twenty years ago—the same in fact. In 1870 there were 35,000, against 520 in 1876. Now, as then, Barnstable and Dukes counties contain two-thirds of the entire remnant of a race once numerous and powerful enough at least to be taken into account by white men.

Russian thistles, a patch of which have flourished for some time near Whipple, N. H., have been introduced into the State, and made them impassable either for men or animals. The thistles of this plot have been cut out, and the State has ordered the people urge that they be exterminated before they become a pest everywhere in the territory.

**MAY WIVES BE SPANKED!**

**Moments Question Now Before Supreme Court in Brooklyn.**

New York Telegram.

"May a man spank his wife?" Is the momentous question will be absorbed the attention of the Supreme Court of the United States to-day. It is such a delicate point in material law that, after having exhausted all

The interesting issue was raised during the hearing of an application of Mrs. Kate Abbé, of Brooklyn, for a divorce from her husband, Richard F. Abbé, of this city, by a broker in this city with offices at Nos. 69-72 New York street.

Mrs. Abbé, in counter charges, alleges that this suit is brought for the sole purpose of obtaining a divorce from her husband who is in the habit of spanking her. She does not deny the spanking, but she says that she has been obliged to chastise his wife after the time honored methods of the nursery. It has been clearly shown that the husband has spanked his son for disobedience, and that he has spanked his wife for disobedience. It is not surprising that his wife, until she arrives at the age when short dresses are discarded, as yet or there has been no question as to whether or not she is a woman as between man and wife.

It is felt by the people of Brooklyn to be a question of honor to have a woman spank every household. Should the learned judge answer in the affirmative, it is said that the wife will be a martyr and that she will, at a mass meeting of wives to test the rights of women, have no less than one hundred fights with her husbands.



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Mrs. A.—Don't you wish your husband  
and I were in the same boat?  
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**Reserved.**

Detroit Free Press.

Lawyer—I must know the whole truth before I can successfully defend you. Have you told me everything?

Prisoner—Except where I hid the money, want that for myself.

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twinkles.

Merchant (to bill collector)—You present—

Slowpaky's bill to him, did you?

Literal-minded Collector—No, but I will present mine if you—that will save me trouble of collecting it.

**The Female of It.**

Household.

Papa—Inquired the editor's only son,

"What I mean,"

Nurse Girl—I was speaking to w an all toime, mum.

**Slightly Ambiguous.**

Washington Star.

"What I mean," said the lawyer, "is prove that my client is mentally deficient."

"Well," was the reply, "the world calls on editorial office the sanctum sanctorum."

"Then I suppose, and the small boy was thoughtful for a moment, "that mamma's office is a spankum spankum, isn't it?"

**Way to Kill Time.**

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"I wish there was some new way of killing time," said young Mr. Point Breeze to Miss Homewood last night.

"I can suggest one way of killing time which was not possible for a long while," replied the maiden.

"Well?"

"Slough it." A lively stable was rung up by telephone.

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 after leaving his father's house a  
 squandering his patrimony in riotous l  
 "Eben Edward (in an awed whisper  
 "Be-lee-ee ud' go to Hamecia ha  
 married, ma'am.

**A Useless Precaution.**  
 Nurse's Weekly.  
 Nurse Girl—I lost track of the child, m  
 and—  
 "Good gracious! Why didn't you speak  
 "Certainly," I warrant my remedy to cure the w  
 Nurse Girl—I was speaking to w  
 toime, mum.

**Slightly Ambiguous.**  
 Washington Star.  
 "What I meant," said the lawyer, "is  
 prove that my client is mentally deficient  
 "Certainly," said the expert. "The  
 won't be the least trouble in showing th  
 so long as he has employed you as a  
 lawyer."

**Humor of the Day.**

**A Leading Question.**  
 Puck.  
 Clara—I was afraid if I let him kiss me I  
 would be sorry for it afterward.  
 Maud—Were you?

**A Small Matter.**  
 New York Weekly.  
 Guest (complainingly)—This bill of fare is  
 all in French.  
 Waiter (reassuringly)—Niver you mind  
 that, sur; the cook is Irish.

**He Certainly Would.**  
 Twinkles.  
 Hewitt—I have no race prejudices.  
 Jewitt—You would have race prejudices if  
 you had lost as much money on horses as  
 I have.

**A Reservation.**  
 Boston Traveller.  
 Mrs. A.—Didn't you wish your husband  
 were a poet?  
 Mrs. B.—Yes; but I wouldn't want to be  
 poet's wife.

**Didn't Pass.**  
 Detroit Free Press.  
 "Why can't you get an accident insur-  
 ance, Grumpy?"  
 "Because they say I'm too stiff to dodge  
 accidents."

**The Life Line.**  
 Truth.  
 First Passenger—Oh, yes, I know these  
 railroad railroads very well. I've been riding  
 on this line all my life.  
 Second Passenger—That so? You must  
 have got on a little sooner than I did.

**Modesty.**  
 Puck.  
 She—Mr. Fullback never boasts of his  
 football exploits, does he?  
 He—No, I understand that he has nearly  
 killed half a dozen men, but he never says  
 word about it.

**Reserved.**  
 Detroit Free Press.  
 Lawyer—I must know the whole truth be-  
 fore I can successfully defend you. Have  
 you told me everything?  
 Prisoner—Except where I hid the money,  
 what that for myself.

**The Easiest Way to Settle It.**  
 Twinkles.  
 Merchant (to bill collector)—You present-  
 Mr. Slowpays' bill to him, did you?  
 Literal-minded Collector—No, but I will  
 be the next time if you say so—that will save  
 me the trouble of collecting it.

**The Female of It.**  
 Household Words.  
 "Papa," inquired the editor's only son,  
 "what do you call your office?"  
 "Well," was the reply, "the word calls  
 up editorial office the sanetum sanctorum."  
 "Then I suppose," and the small boy was  
 thoughtful for a moment, "that mamma's  
 office is a spankum spankum, isn't it?"

**Way to Kill Time.**  
 Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.  
 "I wish there was some new way of kill-  
 ing time," said young Mr. Point Breeze to  
 Miss Homewood last night.  
 "I can suggest one way of killing time  
 which was not possible for a long while,"  
 replied the maiden.  
 "What?"  
 "Sleigh it." A lively stable was rung up  
 by telephone.

**The Prodigal's Fate.**  
 Truth.  
 English Sunday-school Teacher (solemnly)  
 And now, Albert Edward, you may re-  
 turn to your father's house.

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When I say I cure I do not mean merely to stop